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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on October 1, 2001, and with the concurrently filing of a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE"), the examiner's attention is respectfully directed to two Notices of Reasons for Rejection that were mailed, respectively, on December 10, 2002 and May 20, 2003, with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-197097, together with English language translations of the same, in which the following documents were cited:

1. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H11-289528, together with an English language abstract and an English language translation of a relevant portion thereof.

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- Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H11-136365, together
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- Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H07-114504, together
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- 5. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H11-234436, together with an English language abstract of the same.
- 6. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H11-341044, together with an English language abstract and an English language translation of a relevant portion thereof.
- 7. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H02-260055, together with an English language abstract of the same.
- 8. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-032429, together with an English language abstract of the same.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained by the Japanese Examiner are set forth in the Notices of Reasons for Rejection.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached hereto and listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. Copies of the Notices of Reasons for Rejection and their English language translations are also attached

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hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application. Since this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (and with a Petition to Withdraw Application from Issue Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.313 (c)(2)), no fee is believed to be necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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